

Application No.: 10/667,229

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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

Applicants appreciate that claims 1-19 have been considered to be allowed.

Applicants have amended claim 5, in which a new step "performing a pre-annealing process" is added since the statement "the pre-annealing operation" at lines 15 lacks of antecedent basis. It is believed that this amendment does not change the consideration of patentability and should be acceptable.

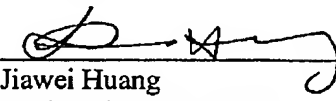
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-19 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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